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TOPIC Information on ~~Plants~~ of the Polish Aircraft Industry

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SOURCE

1. The Ministerstwo Komunikacji Linji (Polish Ministry of Aviation) (sic) was located at 56 ul. Kopczynskiego in Lodz (Q 52/O 93). A workshop and a laboratory were also located in the same building.
2. There was an aircraft plant covering an area of about 200 x 70 meters on ul. Rzgowska, formerly Army Street, in Lodz. At this plant source saw small single-engine aircraft which he described as low-wing monoplanes fitted with in-line engines and two-bladed propellers. The length of these planes was about 8 meters. Airframe sections were manufactured at that plant and test runs of engines were also observed. Source did not know whether entire planes were manufactured there. He observed that wings and tail assemblies were shipped away by truck. The plant had no railroad connection. (1) and (2)
3. There was an instrument plant on ul. Lomzynska in Lodz. According to local residents, aircraft instruments, apparatuses and possibly also radio installations as used by the air force and army were manufactured there. The plant had a total labor force of 300 persons working three shifts.
4. According to Polish workers, aircraft engines were being manufactured in an engine plant on ul. Kiliuskiego in Lodz. The installation was used by the German Army during the war. (3)
5. Aircraft engines were manufactured at the Polski Zaklady Lotnicze (PZL) plant located on the southern perimeter of Rzeszow (R 51/V 74). The plant bordered on ul. Hetmajaska to the west, ul. Swierczewskiego on the north and the Wistok River on the east. The aircraft engines manufactured in the plant were sent to Milec (R 51/V 37) for installation in aircraft. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) This information refers to the well known Lotnicze Warsztaty Doswiadczalne (Aircraft Testing Station) (LWD) in Lodz.
- (2) The aircraft observed at this plant may have been the type Zak trainer which is equipped with type Walter Mikron III or Minor 4-III engines. Small numbers of this type aircraft were built at the LWD plant. This craft has a wing span of 11.8 meters and an overall length of 7.6 meters.
- (3) This is the first information on an instrument plant and an aircraft engine

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plant in Lodz. According to available information, only Soviet type M-11 aircraft engines are being built in Poland principally in the well equipped aircraft engine plant at Hundsfield near Breslau. The aircraft engine plant in Lodz may actually have been only a repair plant. Aircraft instruments are being built in the former Askania Plant in Mirschberg.

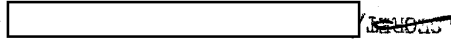
- (4) The only information available to this office is that a Panstwowe Zaklady Lotnicze (State aircraft plant) (PZL) exists in Warsaw. The existence of an aircraft engine plant in Rzeszow and of an airframe plant in Milec has not been known to date. However, an airframe plant was completed in Milec prior to the war, and a workshop was under construction in Rzeszow which, allegedly, was associated with Milec. No post-war information is available on these installations.

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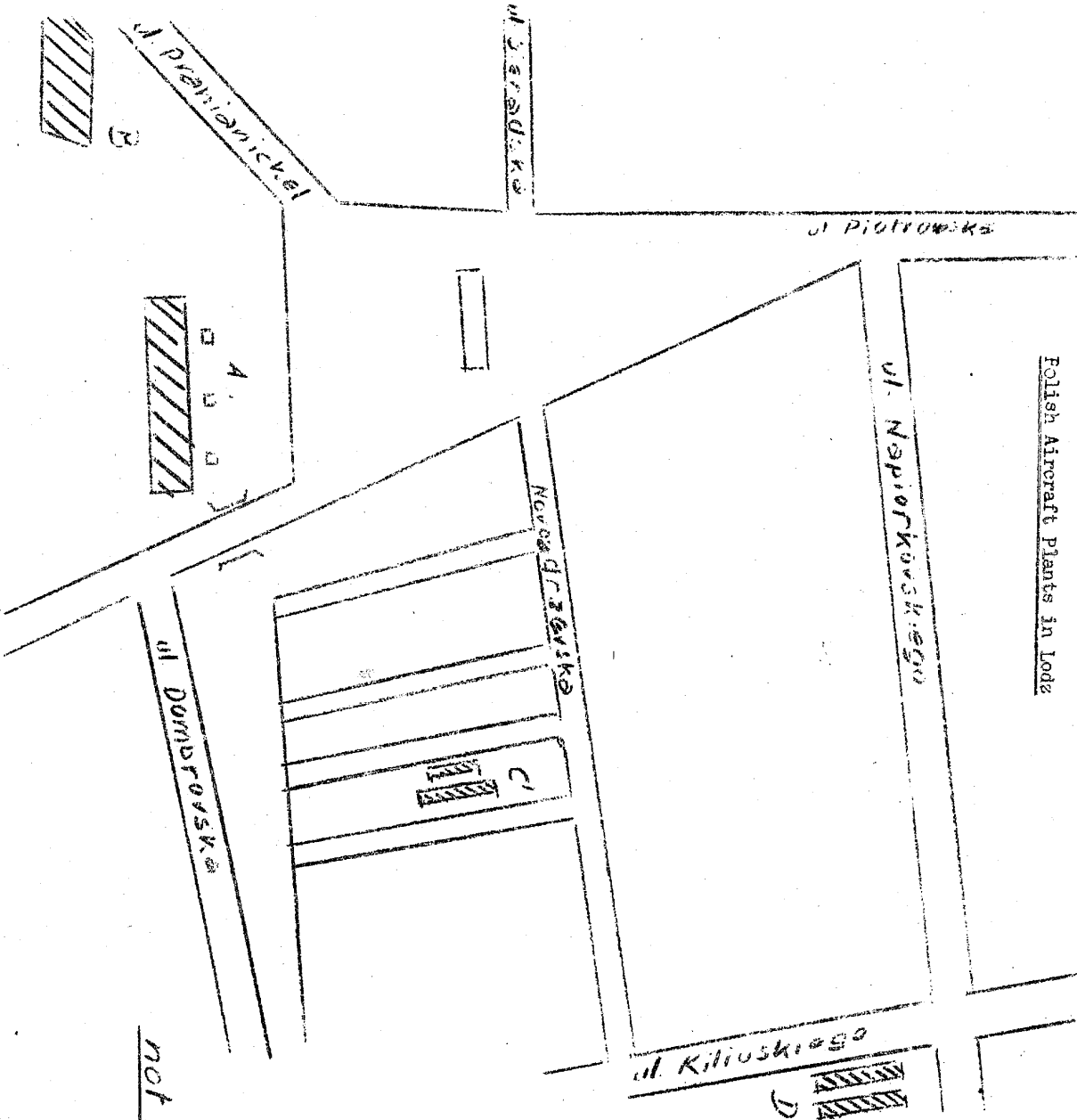
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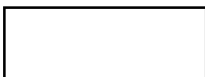
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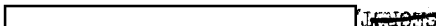


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Polish Aircraft Plants in Lodz.

Legend:

- A Aircraft plant.
- B Textile plant.
- C Instrument plant, a four-story brick building 50 x 20 meters with antennas on its roof.
- D Aircraft engine plant.

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